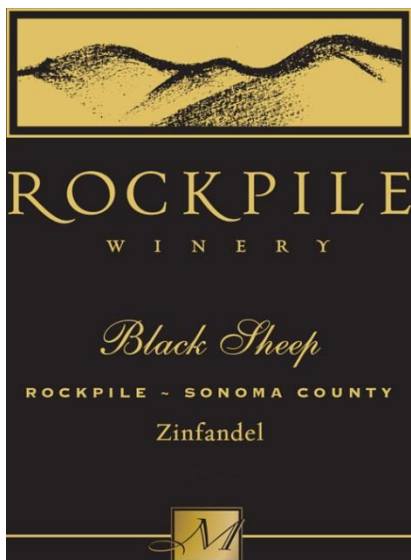




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2018 Rockpile Zinfandel *Black Sheep*

Production: Approximately 109 cases
1.5L Magnums only

Appellation: Rockpile

Composition: 100% Zinfandel

Alcohol: 14.57% by volume

Aging: 15 months in oak barrels
100% French

Winemakers' Perspective

The "Black Sheep" is an ode to those of us who take the path less traveled. Without a doubt, I am the black sheep of my generation. My brothers all pursued viticulture degrees and now work on the vineyard side of the business. I figured the grass was greener on the other side of the fence and went into winemaking, via a very circuitous route, and started the family winery. Once again I am breaking the mold!

We've always been committed to making only single vineyard wines from our Rockpile property, but the Black Sheep is the exception. This is our "Tete de Cuvee" of Rockpile Zinfandel: a blend of the best barrels. The Black Sheep harnesses all the unique characteristics of the individual blocks into one seamless expression of the best that Rockpile has to offer!

Initially a little shy on the nose, with additional aeration this riveting expression of Rockpile Zinfandel is unveiled: Aromas of fresh crushed blackberries and boysenberries, skin of Santa Rosa plum and dustings of milk chocolate co-mingle with undertones of toasted brioche and calla lily blossom. While youthful on the palate, it shows great depth and richness and finishes with ample freshness and persistence. Brambleberry, sweet baking spices and roasted espresso add to the final notes of complexity. Built to age, this Zinfandel will drink beautifully for at least the next 10 years.

Cheers,

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